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Germany is talking of a change of constitution, but it by no mean implies a change of heart!

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At the rate the Austrian-Hungarian empire is distintegrating, the Allies can make peace only with the necessary. Many of the best thinkpieces.

If not hit him with a Victory bond, ited States will never consent to The old butcher has few friends half-way peace with the Potsdam

"Queen" the average nurse is prov- That, too, is the British spirit and ing herself a good deal of a heroide the British purpose, in the dominin these days of war and flu.

The paper shortage is acute. Why hand to the plough, and looking waste good paper by continuing the back, is fit for the kingdom exchange of notes with either Ger- heaven." many or Austria? Leave it to Foch and Haig.

General Fotheringham wants t suppress the newspapers. Let him start on the new government publication, the useless Canadian Official Record.

The German crown prince says he has no desire to annihilate the Allied armies. He tried hard enough. but failed. Present day protestations will avail him nothing.

Victory Loan flag the first day of and earnestly as we all desire its the canvas. Congratulations. The speedy end, we are none the less citizens have a right to be proud of convinced that a bad peace, now their accomplishment.

against becoming impressed with And if autocratic military force, or the idea that the epidemic is over ganized with unexampled purpose and there is no longer any necessity and persistency for half a century for exercising care. Precautions and then suddenly let loose upon a should still be taken.

The United Farmers of Ontario, an organization formed for furthering agricultural interests and which will take part in future political at- posed it-if such a force, used in fairs, has adopted as one of its such a way, were to emerge from planks the nationalization of ratiway, telegraph, telephone and similar public utilities.

Of the ten thousand houses in be a bad peace. Lens not one remains. Every house which constituted the workingmen's tremendous a moment as the proparadise has been deliberately razed sent, so big with the fate of humanand most of the gardens ruined for ity and civilization for centuries to a long time to come. Oh! the come, anxiety should be mixed with ghouls. It is to insure against the hope as each act in the mighty repetition of any such outrages that drama is unrolled. This apprehenthe Victory bonds are being pur- sion is due to two causes: the wa-

WHOSE SWORD IS IT? tional surrender of Germany be- the present manoeuvre may have IT IS AIMED AT fore they begin to talk peace. The the effect of sowing dissension Hun commander must give up his among the Allied people, and of givsword and retire to his own bord- ing their pacifists and weak-kneed ers. A number of historical parati- elements an excuse for saying that

be greatly softened."

peror," said Castelnau.

Moltke's rejoinder. To-day it is all costs."

THE AMERICAN SENTIMENT. Dissatisfaction with President peace notes with Berlin is growing

F.R.Northrup, 1510 Ass'n Bldg., Chicago puppets, but would "go on with the war" until German militarism discredited and destroyed. appears the only safe and sensible course to adopt. This prevailing American sentiment is perhaps best expressed by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, one of the nation's ablest public men.

"My own view is a very simple

one. There is no German government in existence with which would discuss anything. I deplore at this stage, when we are advanc-Big Bertha's are having a sorry ing steadily to a complete victory, any discussion or exchange of notes with the German government. The The Victory Loan drive should only thing now is to demand uncon- THE VALUE OF A FREE PRESS ditional surrender. I would leave that to Marshal Foch and the gene- into the death of Cadet N. F. Davidrais of the armies. When they re- son, R.A.F., in Toronto, on Monday port that the German army has sur- Surgeon-General J. T. Fotheringrendered and ceased to exist as an ham, acting director-general army in being, then, and not until medical services for Canada, mad

fessed, has conducted his corres- sible, so that they might be reme pondence with unusual skill, but it died. General Fotheringham, is questionable whether such cor respondence was expedient or ever ers of his country believe that it was not. Time alone will tell. This, Are you a Triend of the Kaiser? however, is assured: that the Unpirates. It knows exactly what it has to face, and is not going to quit Besides being something of a before its aims are accomplished. ions no less than in the heroic homeland. "No man, having put his

> AVOIDING A BAD PEACE. Future historians will comment

with some surprise upon the fact that the first effect among the Allied peoples of the professed Ger man acceptance of their terms was to arouse a feeling of disturbance that almost amounted to apprehen sion, says Everyman, the well-writ ten London weekly. One must confess that the grounds for such feeling are not hard to understand Deeply moved as we are by the The town of Prescott won the horror and the havor of the war, that victory is within our reach, would be a far greater evil than a The public should be warned further continuance of the struggie peaceful world, directed, moreover, with callous and wanton disregard of all humane restrictions, against non-combatants and neutrals as well as against the armies that opthis conflict without having been utterly discredited and overthrown, no one will doubt that the peace which registered that result would

It is no wonder, then, that at so avoidable and well-grounded distrust with which even the most solemn German assurances have to The Allies demand the uncoudt be received, and the suspicion that

ers with a special message from it would be if, after we got to a muzzied. Vapoleon, who had sent his sword peace conference, believing that the Such criticism never has done the

the kaiser's sword which the Allies The same feeling of apprehension ject has been steadfastly kept in demand as the only condition upon exists in the United States, follow- view, and the result is that the to discuss terms with the enemy. A land and that Canadians are as a remarkable gocument has just been nation broadminded and well infin which we find these warning terest. Without a free, fearless, inin the United States. The fear is ed a willingness to make a peace by become narrow in their views and gaining ground that the president is negotiation. He has not demanded, limited in their ideas and opinions One year, by mail to rura; offices \$2.50 too much of a pacifist and that his as he might have done in three A practical demonstration of this year, by mail cash \$1.00 the issue. That issue, as most of demand, an unconditional surrend- pears on the same page of the To-

er. His exchange of notes with ronto Globe as the report of Foth-Germany has caused a deep concern eringham's criticism. A German many. They would enter into no among our people lest he may by soldier in a crack Hamburg regi-H. Bruce Owen . 1. 123 St. Peter St. peace parleys with the kaiser or his his parleying with her concede her ment, on being taken prisoner, statpeace around a council table instead ed that conditions on the western of a sentence from a court." This front were excellent for the Gerstatement, published in the Whig mans. This was after the fall of yesterday, bears the signature of Lille and the retreat of the enemy ex-Presidents Roosevelt and Talt. from positions which they had held It is in accord with the thought of for over four years. In explanation all the. Allied peoples. German in- he stated that he had seen no newstrigue is more to be feared to-day papers for weeks, but that it was than German arms. An inconciu- not necessary for Germans to read siva peace, a bad peace, would be them. In conclusion, he told his a colossal blunder. It is to be hop- captors that the reading of the ed that the terms of peace will be "Vorwarts" was forbidden in the left, not to the diplomats, but to German army, as it had a bad influthe Allied commanders in the field, lence on discipline. There is an ex-They know the Hun best, and they traordinary ignorance of German are fully capable of bringing the laffairs among German officers and war to a satisfactory conclusion.

> Giving evidence at the inquest then, let the Allies and the United some startling remarks on his att States meet and agree what terms tude towards the press. The press they will impose on Germany to in- of Toronto had unanimously con sure the safety of civilization and demned the conditions existing the base hospital there, and had de President Wilson, it must be con- manded to know who was respon-

THE BRITISH WHIG Prussian war and those of to-day terms and trying to avoid the ac- guilty party, resented this, and, as have been published. Here is one ceptance of what we had previous is often the case when public men that is striking, both in its points ly declared our willingness to take are the subject of press criticism, of resemblance and of difference. Viscount Grey foresaw this even- he indulged in a spiteful attack on On the evening of Sedan, General tuality when he declared in a recent the press, and declared that, in his Castelnau went to Bismarck's quart- speech: "I think what a nightmane opinion, the press ought to be

> to the king of Prussia and surren- end of the war- was then reached press any harm, but, on the condered, in the hope that the king we found at that peace conference trary, it shows the great power would grant a more honorable ca- that the military rulers of Germany | wielded by the newspapers. It were still the people of real author- shows that men in public office, "Whose sword is it that the Em- ity, that the German people had re- who have not done their duty fully, peror Napoleon has surrendered?" lapsed into docile subservience to are afraid of the influence of the asked Bismarck. "Is it the sword the aims of its military rulers, and press on public opinion. In the of France or his own? If it is the that the whole time piece was be- case in question, conditions were sword of France the canditions can ing discussed at the conference it bad and deserved condemnation, was being undermined by the men and it was the plain duty of the "It is only the sword of the em who made the war, and whose policy press to expose these conditions with regard to war would never The newspapers of Canada exist "All then remains as it was," was change. That must be prevented a: for the purpose of enlightening and educating their readers. This obwhich their terms can be softened. ing President Wilson's inclination press has become a power in the issued, signed by two ex-presidents. formed on all subjects of public in words: "The president has indicat- dependent press, the people would

> > soldiers. Does not this speak for itself, and is not the connection between these two items apparent? Here is a German soldie: deprived of the privilege of a free independent press, laboring under a pitiful delusion that all is going well with his country, and being misted as to the real course of events. The German people, receiving only the restricted, misleading news doled out to them by the fearful imperial government, are totally blinded to what is going on in their own country and the outside world.

This is the state of affairs which Surgeon-General Fotheringham de-

Rippling Rhymes

TWO GENERALS



"Confound that Foch!" sighs Ludendorff; "I was giant till he came, and made me seem a sawed-off dwarf; he's cooked my goose and spoiled my fame. I the press the needs and the deeds was a giant, fair to see, a man colossal brave and of the nation have been made strong; the German people looked on me, as one who known. To the press belongs a deck,' they said, 'we cannot fail of winning out, so we shall calmly go ahead, and do our chores, and eat our cess of the Victory Loans. The press fraut.' I was invincible, men thought, the Potsdam has for many generations been inbunch, and all the rest, and even Kaiser Wilhelm strumental in correcting wrong conbrought a wreath and pinned it on my vest. And while ditions, cleaning out sore spots in the allies plugged away, each for himself, without a chief, I had a triumph every day, and sidestepped many kinds of grief. But now that Foch is in com- that the principle of justice for all mand, my goat has wandered far from me; in vain are classes must be maintained. The all the plans I've planned, in vain is all my strategy. My big campaign is now a wreck, I've said to all my hopes good bye, to-day Foch hits me in the neck, to-

morrow he will black my eye. He takes a thousand miles of soil, ten thousand prisoners he takes; he swats me on my sacred boil, and then my col- the best interests of the public on lar bone he breaks. Six months ago, as you'll agree, I bulked much larger every occasion. The newspapers of than a prince; but since this Foch mixed up with me, I feel much smaller

- WALT MASON.



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